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churia Russia has been able to profit by the action or inaction of others. It was the blow struck by Japan at China, which first gave her the chance of securing a foothold at Port Arthur, after Germany had seized Kiaochow. It was British official want of purpose and ignorance of the facts which made that foothold permanent and exclusive. British

officialdom has assisted again, in the past half-year, in the extension of Russian control over a great part of Southern Manchuria. There seems no reason why Russia should now take less than she can get. Our correspondent asks: "Is the importance of the province (Manchuria) sufficient to justify us in taking steps to keep the trade open to all comers?" This might be put another way. Are we to expect Russia, it might be asked, to keep the pledges which she has given about the trade of China? One of the objects of the Anglo-German Agreement concerned the maintenance of the integrity of China. If our diplomats are about to assent to the quibble that Manchuria is not part of China, are they also going to agree to the shutting out of our traders from the province? Every individual out here has been considering these questions, as our correspondent says that he should; but we very much doubt whether the taxpayer at home is giving even a moment's thought to them. If he does, he probably soothes his feelings with the idea that there is the open trade of the Yangtze Valley, not troubling to reflect that this was always open to us and that of South Manchuria's trade he is proposing to surrender his country's share in return for nothing at all. When the history of England's connection with the Chinese Empire comes to be written, the future historian will be able to point out one phrase which did incalculable harm to the interests of England in China, namely "our sphere of influence in the Yangtze Valley."

Christians with the Hongkong branch of the Missions to Seamen was observed at the Star Coffee House by the manager, Mr. H. C. Ashman, preparing a reasonable dinner for those seamen of the Royal Navy, and the sailing ships in harbour who were ashore for the day. Quite a large number partook of the good things provided for them.

The service at St. John's Cathedral on Christmas morning was well attended. The edifice had been tastefully decorated from the portal to the chancel and altar-steps with sensible greenery and ferns. The processional hymn was "Hark the Herald Angels sing," and the Anthem "Awake, O Zion" by Steiner. During the offertory the hymn "O come, all ye faithful" was rendered by the choir. The Lord Bishop of Victoria, the Right Rev. J. C. Hoare, M. A., was the preacher.

The annual Christmas dance of the Hongkong Police was held at No. 8 Station on Tuesday evening, when there was a large attendance. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and was kept up with great spirit and enjoyment until the small hours of the morning. Mr. Grant acting as master of ceremonies. Lance-Sergeant Kent acted as secretary, and, with the help of an able committee, carried the proceedings through to a successful close. The ballroom was gaily decorated with bunting and greenery. Inspector and Mrs. Duncan were warmly thanked for their kindness in extending the hospitality of their house for the occasion.

Under the heading of "Italy and China" the *Nagasaki Express* makes the following curious statement:—From a reliable source we learn that the two Italian cruisers now in harbour, the *V. Pisani* and *Fieramonte*, the former flying the flag of Rear-Admiral Candiani, will leave here to-day for Woosung. At the latter place the *Calabria* will join them, and the three vessels will then proceed to Sammum Bay. A landing is to be effected and a military occupation of the territory will take place. A hospital and other buildings will be erected and the locality is to afford a health resort for Italian sick and wounded troops from North China. Apparently Italy, with the consent of the other Powers, is taking advantage of the present trouble to enforce her demand for the cession of the above port, the possession of which was so strenuously denied her by China some two years ago.

St. Peter's Church was well filled on Christmas morning, when the congregation were treated to a carol-selection and a solo from the Messiah. "For behold darkness shall cover the earth." Later in the day the church members and their friends entertained the seamen from the various mercantile marine vessels in harbour to a fete at Little Hongkong, where a variety of sports were indulged in. The company left Hongkong in several launches. There were, in all, about 150, including some men from the siege train at Kowloon, the Royal Welsh Fusiliers and blue-jackets from the men-of-war. The programme included tugs of war, throwing the hammer, flat maces, &c., and concluded with an all-round reasonable tea. Prizes were subsequently presented to the successful competitors in the various events by Miss Johnston of Fairlee, and Miss Mabel Sheffield, who was introduced as the skipper, opened a deeply-laden sea-chest which took the place of the annual "Brig," and distributed useful presents to the assembled company. At the close it was testified that the day's entertainment had been one of the most enjoyable which has been held within the history of the church.

A hockey match at Shanghai on the 18th inst., Ireland v. The World, ended in favour of Ireland by three goals to one.

The half-yearly Golf Championship of Ceylon was won at Colombo on the 1st inst. by Mr. C. B. Elliott, who had previously won it at Nuwara Eliya this year.

Owing to the miscarriage of the score-book on its way from the Cricket Ground yesterday, we are obliged to hold over the full report of the match between the Club and the United Services until to-morrow's issue.

Mr. W. Holland has proceeded to Ichang to resume his post of British Consul at that port, and Mr. E. C. Wilton, who acted for him during his absence on furlough, goes on to Chungking to relieve Mr. M. F. A. Fraser.

Mr. James Watts, whose ride from Tientsin to Taku was the means of saving Tientsin from the Chinese, has been rewarded by the German Emperor. He has received the Rettungs-Medaille, which is a high civil decoration given for the saving of life.

According to a Japanese paper, the Chilian Government has decided to reduce its navy, as a result of the recent conclusion of an arbitration treaty among the South American republics. It is reported that a cruiser will be sold to Ecuador, another warship to Peru, and two torpedo-boat destroyers to Japan.

We have received the programme of the Amoy Race Club Meeting on the 10th, 11th, and 12th prox. Six races are on the list for each day, the chief attraction being the Amoy Stakes on the first day and the Champion Stakes on the third. The entries include *Wizard*, *Theistic*, *Tocsin*, *Beauchamp*, and *St. Ro*, representing Messrs. R. B. Johnson, Ronnerville Wilmot, and (the last three) G. Hutton Potts.

One of the newly elected M.P.'s is already dead—Mr. D. MacAfee, Nationalist member for North Monaghan. Sixty-six years old at the time of his death, he started as a shoemaker, but became a journalist. When editing the *Ulster Examiner* he was sentenced to four months' imprisonment and fined £250 for contempt of Court, in charging the late Judge Lawson with not acting impartially in the Belfast riot cases.

A diabolical plot to blow up the U.S.S. *Pampanga* by inserting cement in her boiler was recently frustrated by a final inspection, says the *Manila Times*. The work had all been performed by native mechanics and it seems improbable that one or two could have prepared the boiler for destruction without the knowledge of the others. To allow such a diabolical plot to pass unpunished is to invite the perpetration of equally or more dangerous crimes, adds the *Times*.

Four more arrests have been made in connection with the Tokyo scandal, says the *Japan Mail*. Among them are Mr. Iwai Kanesuke, a member of the City Council, and Mr. Toshimatsu Tsurumatsu, a well-known politician and member of the House of Representatives. The arrest of Mr. Toshimatsu has created a sensation, as he is a barrister with an extensive practice, and is supposed to enjoy the full confidence of Mr. Hoshi Tora. The other persons apprehended are Mr. Natsume and Mr. Nakamura, civil engineers. The excitement connected with the scandal is growing.

The *Times* of Ceylon of the 5th inst. says:—The P. & O. *Musilia*, which arrived at 5 p.m. yesterday from Calcutta, had to report the occurrence of two fatal cases of cholera one day off Colombo. Both the victims were lascars and the bodies were buried at sea. The vessel was placed in strict quarantine till this morning, when she was allowed to work in quarantine, and will run on the Bombay-China line. Hitherto she has been on the London-Calcutta line.

With regard to the damage sustained by the American sailing-vessel *John Scifield*, Japanese papers say that the steamer *Rishiri-maru* which was sent to the scene of the disaster from Nagasaki by Messrs. Holme, Ringer & Co., returned on the 5th inst. with seven members of the crew of the sailing-vessel. The *John Scifield* was on her way to Port Arthur when she stranded near the Van Diemen's Strait. She was floated later, but having sprung a leak, she was compelled to put into Toi Bay to obtain assistance, where the bottom of the ship was temporarily repaired. In spite of the fact that the ship was still making water, she left on the 3rd inst. and has now gone into dock at Nagasaki. Two American sailors, two Japanese, one Englishman, one Frenchman and one Danish having objected to serve on the vessel, they were brought to Nagasaki by the *Rishiri-maru*.

The N.C. *Daily News* Weihaiwei correspondent writes thus of the beginning of winter at that port. On the night of the 7th, and on the following day, he says, snow fell to a depth of two feet full, the heaviest fall remembered since the 14th year of Kwang Hui. This was succeeded by a rise in temperature, and it has been thawing ever since. What with the pirates preventing the arrival of grain, and so enhancing the price of the meagre stock held locally, and the snow making the roads impassable to sellers of firewood and straw, the natives are not having a rosy time. This is a limited alleviation of their troubles in the work the snow has given to coolies, perhaps, but on the other hand, mason and out-door work generally may have to cease any day. The severer frost cannot be long delayed now, the season for the poor to suffer has set in.

No deaths from plague have occurred in South Africa, says a London telegram of the 4th inst., since it has been medically controlled. This is attributed to the Yersin inoculation.

Capt. the Hon. Hedworth Lambton, having failed in his effort to get into Parliament, is said by the home papers to be anxious to go back to his profession and resume his naval duties at an early date.

Capt. David Beatty, D.S.O., R.N., who was promoted post-captain for his services in North China, is completely disabled as far as his left arm is concerned. He was last month in London, undergoing medical treatment.

The *Dublin Evening Herald* of the 4th inst. having started, for unexplained motives, the *canard* that Lord Halifax, President of the English Church Union, had decided to become a Roman Catholic, Lord Halifax has contradicted the story in the home press.

Lord Monkswell, in a letter to the *Times* of the 28th ult., in reference to the purchase of Indian Railways, says he hopes the journals will give powerful support to the proposition that Indian Railway shareholders have a right to know whether Government intends to persevere in the project which will deprive them of half their property.

The revolver accident to Mr. J. A. Stuart, of Horngate estate, Dolgellau, Ceylon, which we have already recorded as occurring on the 3rd inst., ended in the death of the unfortunate planter. Deceased was only 22 years of age, and had been in the island about two years. He was the second son of Mr. John Stuart of Midleton, Talawakelle, and was popular in the district in which he resided.

The specie reserve in the Bank of Japan has dwindled from 100 millions to 65 millions. There is still an excess of imports over exports, amounting to 50 millions, that has to be settled. This is a serious fact. Two plans are suggested for relief, one being the disposal of all silver in the possession of the government, and the other the sale on the London market of 20 millions' worth of the 4 per cent. bonds possessed by the Bank.

The *Times* of Ceylon speaks thus, in an editorial note, of "Reuter's Boer tendencies":—We notice one or two newspapers are complaining of evident bias in Reuter's messages about South Africa by invariably giving details when the Boers gain some small success, and dismissing similar achievements by the British by saying that these have occurred in "several places during the past week." The foundation for the impression dates back to the early stages of the war, and "nationality" has something to do with it. The telegram concerning the Congress at Worcester gives colour to the belief that Reuter can aid sensationalism to bias.

THE TAYLOR-CARRINGTON COMPANY AT THE THEATRE.

PERFORMANCE OF "TONY TOMMY ATKINS" LAST NIGHT.

No one desirous of passing a pleasant evening can do better than patronise the Theatre Royal to-night, when the Taylor-Carrington Company are giving a second performance of the musical extravaganza *Tony Tommy Atkins*. The first performance last night was a great success. The piece is full of fun, catchy music, and clever dancing, and the audience was kept amused and interested from start to finish. The scene in the first act is laid in England, and we are introduced to Major-General Horatio Tony Tommy Atkins, and Lady Constance. The Major-General loses his heart to Lady Constance, who, however, does not return his love, preferring the Private, Tony Tommy Atkins, to the General. Thinking to get rid of his rival and thus secure a clear field for himself the General sends Tommy to South Africa. Here Tommy distinguishes himself to such an extent in fighting the Boers that he is made Commander-in-Chief, and on returning to the old country marries the lady of his choice, and both "live happily ever after."

Miss Carrington, who took the part of Tommy Atkins, excelled herself, comporting herself with a jaunty ease much in keeping with the part. She looked well in her fine uniform and contributed several songs which went with a swing and were great successes. Miss Angie Potter made an admirable Lady Constance, whilst Miss Laura Roberts as Angelique, the French maid, made a decided hit with the "Lu-Lu" song and dance. Miss Delia Lee was noticeable as Geisha Krüger. Mr. Charlie Taylor as Sergeant McSporer (an Irish Scotchman) kept the audience in the roar with his comicalities. It is generally admitted that as a comedian Mr. Taylor is one of the best we have had in the colony for some time, and none of the characters in which we have seen him does he come out stronger than in Sergeant McSporer. Other characters in the play: one Rev. Mr. Snugford (an amorous parson), Mr. C. W. Taylor; President Stoy, Mr. C. Ingles; Oom Paul, Mr. G. Paget; Babes, Mr. Mellin; Nurse Wilson, Lady C. Clive; and Drummer McSporer, Miss A. Martelli.

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THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Another Boer commando has entered Cape Colony. Kimberley is seriously threatened and the railway torn up in three places beyond De Aar. The Standard Bank, in view of the gravity of the situation, has removed assets from Graaf Reinet, Aberdeen, and Cradock to Port Elizabeth, and the assets at other outlying places to Capetown. General French round 2,500 Boers beyond the monthly supply will be sent.

THE VICE-ROY'S CUP.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

SHANGHAI, 26th December, 7.40 p.m.

WUCHANG PREPARES FOR THE DOWAGER.

Chinese officials report that preparations are being made at Wuchang and Siangyang, in Hupeh, to receive the Empress Dowager.

THE KANSU REBELLION.

The news of the Kansu rebellion is confirmed, but the Viceroy Wei Kang-tao remains at Lanchau with a large force of Human troops.

LONDON, 24th December, 9.55 p.m.

THE JOINT NOTE.

It is reported that all the Ministers have signed the Peking Note.

PEKING CLUB LOOTED.

The Germans have seized and completely looted the Peking Club.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, 24th December, 3.55 p.m.

THE BOERS IN CAPE COLONY.

Lord Kitchener thinks that the Boer movement in Cape Colony has been checked. The British are getting round the enemy.

GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, 24th December, 3.55 p.m.

THE COTTON INDUSTRY.

There is an improvement in the Lancashire cotton industry, and large supplies of American and Egyptian cotton are arriving.

THE VICE-ROY'S CUP.

CALCUTTA, 25th December, 8.15 p.m.

UP-GUARDS. 1

TUBAL CAIN. 2

CHERRY. 3

[Up-guards is the property of the Maharajah of Jodhpore, Tubal Cain of Mr. Hyde of Calcutta, and Cherry of Koer Sahib of Patiala.]

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 23rd December.

RE-INFORCES FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

The Government has arranged for the immediate despatch of re-inforcements to South Africa and the Australian Colonies and New Zealand have been invited to send further mounted contingents. Three thousand horses beyond the monthly supply will be sent.

CLIMBING PRISON WALLS.

Gregori Gnojar and Paolo Deviche, firemen on the steamer *Austria*, were charged with unlawfully trespassing at Tsantsafo Police Station on the 25th inst.

Lance-Sergeant Smith stated that the two men climbed on the walls of the station and shouted to the prisoners inside. They refused to go away when ordered.

The defendants will have an opportunity now of inspecting the station from the inside. They were ordered to be confined in gaol until the departure of the steamer, when they are to be forcibly put on board by the police.

REFUSING DUTY.

Five firemen from the steamer *Maria Valeria* pleaded not guilty when charged with disobeying the lawful orders of the master.

The complainant stated that the men were very noisy on board on Christmas day, and ignored orders to be quiet.

They also were ordered to be detained in gaol and forcibly put on board when the steamer departed.

HEAVY BAIL ESTABLISHED.

Andrew Ramsey, carpenter on the steamer *Adelaide*, and James Mitchell, from the *Queen Elizabeth*, were arrested on the 25th for being drunk and disorderly in Wyndham Street, and assaulting a lungen in the discharge of his duty.

They were released on police bail of \$100 each, which they forfeited by failing to appear in court.

ASSAULT BY A MARINE.

had admitted being guilty, and would be fined \$15 or fourteen days' imprisonment. The fine was paid.

CHRISTMAS JOLLIFICATIONS.

Christmas Day brought with it the usual number of cases of drunk and incapable. The offenders were dismissed with a caution.

BEFORE MR. KEMP.

STREET GAMBLING.

Two coolies denied that they had been gambling in the public street.

A lungkong deposed that he saw the defendants, surrounded by a crowd, playing at *tai segau* in Puya East. They were staking money, which they threw away when he approached.

They went to prison for seven days.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

A coolie admitted the 25th, of one pair of rubber shoes, value one dollar, and was fined \$10 or fourteen days. He went to prison.

A coolie pleaded guilty to stealing two bundles of newly-cut branches, and was fined \$2 or seven days. He also went to prison.

THEFT AT MOUNT AUSTIN BARRACKS.

Al Yung, a servant at Mount Austin Barracks, was charged with stealing two silver dollars from the officers' quarters at Mount Austin Barracks, the Peak. The money was stolen from the defendant's master, a lieutenant in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

The complainant states in evidence that on Sunday night he put seven silver dollars in a drawer in his room, and on going to get some money on Monday morning, he found that two dollars were missing. Witness was just going on duty, and had no time to make inquiries. In the evening, when he threatened to have him arrested, the defendant said he stole the money to buy food.

A private in the Fusiliers said he was ordered by the complainant to take the defendant to the police station. On the way he confessed having stolen the money. Witness did not hold out any inducement for him to do so.

The sentence was fourteen days' hard labour.

DAMAGING A CHAIR.

A private in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers said he did not remember when asked if he had, whilst drunk, damaged a public chair to the extent of two dollars.

He was ordered to pay compensation to that amount to the complainant, a coolie.

RUSSIA AT TIENSIN.

A correspondent signing himself "X." writes to the *Times* as follows: "The news from Tientsin of the latest piece of Russian aggression in claiming the land on the left bank of the Peiho, immediately opposite to the British concession, causes serious apprehensions to those whose interests have been thus assailed. The hand in question is largely the property of the Imperial Chinese Railways, which was duly hypothesized as security under the agreement for the loan of £2,300,000 raised in England with the knowledge of her Majesty's Government. However, by far the more serious aspect of the case is the dominating position which Russia would occupy in the unlikely event of her claim being acquiesced in. As the position selected commands the means of ingress and egress to and from Tientsin by railway (water cannot always be relied on owing to the silt contained in the Peiho), it would be in the power of Russia, if she liked, to hamper or strangle the trade of Tientsin. That is hardly a comforting reflection, although none the less true. British interests ~~are~~ ^{are} past amount with regard to the trade itself, the carrying of it, and in the money invested in real estate, docks, the railways, and vessels for lightering and handling. Russian interests, on the other hand are almost *nil*, save in the transit of tea, which traffic will disappear when communication through Taliensien with Russian Siberia is opened. Russian firms do not participate in either export or import trade of the port. In connection with the above it must not be forgotten that Tientsin is the second largest port in China, whose trade has doubled itself during the last ten years and is capable of enormous development. No port in China has increased in trade in the same ratio in the corresponding time. The establishment of Russia in Tientsin seems utterly unjustifiable. Certainly the position mentioned in the report, it is true, is a gross outrage to British interests, but it has already renounced the rights, previously given to us under the Treaty of Tientsin, to compete in railway enterprise in Manchuria in favour of Russia. She may well rest satisfied with that and her acquisitions at Port Arthur and Taliensien. Nothing which our Government has done in China during the last three years has been more consistent with their repeatedly declared policy of striving to maintain the independence of China than their approval of the Chinese Imperial Railway Agreement for the loan of £2,400,000. By that agreement the railways are to remain in Chinese hands so long as the terms of the agreement are complied with. Bondholders need feel no uneasiness about the Chinese paying their obligations, however much they may fear Russian interference. There is nothing the Chinese have more truly protested against, or felt more keenly, than the loss of their sovereign influence in the Shantung and Manchurian lines. In recent events the attitude of the bondholders has been one of "patience and watchfulness," confident that our Government will safeguard their just rights and British interests generally in North China. Let us trust that their hope will not be disappointed."

A CRITICAL PERIOD.

Doubtless, since the election of President McKinley and the persistent assurances of the military heads, especially General Otis, that the war is all over, the public is hailing for the return of the troops and the reduction of the war expenditures. It is to be hoped that the experienced administration will legislate in such a way that the islands will be adequately garrisoned, so that some good may come of the hard-fought position that the United States occupy here to-day. It is a critical period when the slightest let up in the military activity will lead to the greatest of disasters and to the loss of practically all that has been gained during more than two years of war.

MANILA.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Manila, 20th December.

THE RETURN OF THE VOLUNTEERS.

On 11th December the War Department at Washington cabled to General McArthur at

Manila in reference to the return of the volunteer troops who have been in the service since July, 1898. It was a cable that has been long expected; in fact the Adjutant-General has been talking about it since before the elections in the beginning of November. As it reduces the present strength of the Philippine forces by about one-half and everybody knows that the army to-day is barely half large enough to tackle the insurrection in such a way as to handle the question successfully and enforce order—it will not be any exaggeration to say that nobody had the slightest idea that the announcements of the Adjutant-General would be carried out until after long delays. Therefore it was all the greater surprise when a bulletin was posted in the military headquarters on Tuesday afternoon, saying that in accordance with instructions received from Washington, the movement of the Volunteers from these islands to the United States for muster out will begin about January 1st, 1901. It is proposed to return the regiments as nearly as practicable in the order of arrival in the Philippines and these men will be replaced by regular troops to be sent from the United States. At the same time instructions were issued concerning the carrying out of the details of the movements under the supervision of the Department Commanders, who will assemble the regiments at Manila or elsewhere, as may be directed from Headquarters. Under this arrangement the 37th Volunteer Infantry and the 11th Volunteer Cavalry will be the first troops to return and their date of departure is set for New Year's Day.

RUSSIAN OPERATIONS IN MANCHURIA.

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SANDAKAN NOTES.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

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THE GOVERNORSHIP OF NORTH BORNEO.

Mr. E. W. Birch, of Negri Sembilan, has been appointed to the Governorship of British North Borneo and Labuan, in succession to Governor Hugh the Clifford, C.M.G., and it is understood that the former will arrive at Labuan next month to take up his new post. All who have known Mr. Birch speak very highly of his enthusiasm, energy, and tremendous capacity for work, and there is but little doubt that no appointment in succession to Mr. Clifford could have given more genuine pleasure to those who wish to see Borneo advance and prosper. This second Colonial Office appointment has given an amount of confidence to the country's well-wishers that has to be felt to be thoroughly understood.

EXPORT CARGOS.

Per steamer *State of Maine*, sailed on the 11th December—5 cases camphorwood trunks, 57 cases straw cuffs, 128 pkgs. ration chairs, 133 cases blackwoodware, 200 cases joss sticks, 872 bales mattocks, 1,310 cases cassia, 5,364 rolls matting, 7,566 cases palm leaf fans, 10,036 pkgs. cracked.

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THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

According to Tokyo advice, summing up information possessed by the Japanese at Shanghai, the Diplomatic Corps is still in conference with regard to various items to be demanded of the Chinese peace commissioners. It is reported that the representatives of the Powers have desisted to resume hostilities in the event of China failing to comply with the ultimatum of the Powers. Prince Ching and Viceroy Li Hung-chang are not in a position to present any peace terms to the foreign representatives, who have caused the Chinese Commissioners to wait for conditions stipulated by the Allies. Being dissatisfied with this state of affairs, some of the staff of Ching and Li Hung-chang have already left Peking for Shanghai.

Having approved of the peace conditions adopted by the Diplomatic Conference at Peking, the advice continue, the majority of the Governments of the allied Powers have already appointed their representatives to act as peace plenipotentiaries. The power invested in the Foreign Ministers is stated to be limited, as the Governments reserve the right of final decision in important affairs. The Diplomatic Corps has last acknowledged Prince Ching and Viceroy Li Hung-chang as the Chinese peace ministers vested with plenary powers, but some of the allied Powers have not yet appointed their representatives to negotiate peace with the Chinese Commissioners, and accordingly the formal opening of the peace negotiations will probably not take place till the end of next month.

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OUR PARIS LETTER.

Paris, 24th November.

A good part, and the worst, of the nation has
gone mad in its tactics to strike capital out ofthat old political sinner Kruger, who has ar-
rived at Marseilles in the Dutch warship.

As ever, the French who disapprove of that folly

at which foreigners laugh, and the English the
first remain silent. Somehow the ship was late,the husband, being of a jealous
temperament, concluded the visits to the lawyerwere amatory meetings, and watched and
waylaid her. A few days ago she arrived at heradviser's office. She was followed upstairs by
the husband, who drew a hull-dog revolver, and
lodged bullets in her hand, her breast, and head.While being conveyed to the hospital she ex-
pired. The lawyer, an aged gentleman of 60,

rushed out of his office, just in time to witness

the agonies of the dying lady. The husband
requested him to seek a priest to administer the
last rites, and he would go and fetch the chil-
dren. With a crack-brained husband, of course

the marriage was unhappy.

Except the usual attempts in the Chamber to

turn out the Ministry, and all signal failures,

That does not imply that it cannot be upset at
any moment, for in the midst of life we are in

death. Premier Waldeck-Rousseau has this

much in his favour, that when called upon he

is ready to resign. He threw up a practice

at the Bar of 250,000 fr. a year, to become

minister at 125,000 fr., and he is independent
as he is fearless. He engages in no intrigues

to extend his official life. President Loubet is

a man of the same kidney, cool and level-

headed. He has caught the mania for motor-
carism, and hopes the patriotic automobilistswill employ French potato and mangold-
wurzel beauty as a motive power, and so savethe country purchasing petroleum from the
foreigner.

Better late than never. Paris, the City of

Light, has definitely resolved to abandon gas

lamps for lighting the streets, as she formerly

did oil. The rues Rivoli, Ifflaye, and the

Avenue de l'Opéra are rapidly receiving the
electric lamp-posts. Paris will soon be as far

advanced as other cities, in the up-to-date

industrial application to modern life.

A few more underground railways and the adoption

of cheaper bus fares by the abolition of the

cumbersome machinery of offices, that give no

shelter in bad weather to passengers—on the

Boulevard des Italiens and the rues St. Lazare

and Rome, for example—will effect the econ-
omy. Send out the disengaged staffs to the

Congo, or the Shire.

The Temperance cause has lost a unit. In

the rue du Temple a jeweller who was, since

some months on the fence respecting resigning

all drinks, was opening his shop in the morning

when he observed several of his trinkets of the

value of 900 fr. that were placed in a small

black bag, had disappeared. He fastened the

broken shop door and went to tell his mistreat-
ment to the Commissary of Police. But he entered

a side street to arrive quietly, and in order to

drown his grief or to impart courage, he dropped

into a low pub for a glass of beer. What was his

astonishment on beholding his black bag on the

counter, and a man offering the trinkets almost

for nothing. He declined to buy, slipped quietly

out of the shop, secured two policemen,

returned to the pub, had the bug-man arrested,

and nearly all his trinkets safe. He admitted

he had recently consulted his fortune-teller on

the matter of renouncing drink. She advised

him not to wholly abstain, but to moderate his

libations. But in his joy at the recovery of his

property, he took with some neighbours a few

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DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & B&W	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c. via PORTS OF CALL	BENGAL	Brit str.	—	S. Barcham	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
LONDON	ACHILLES	Brit str.	—	Brown	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 8th Jan.
LONDON	EMIPEUS	Day	—	Day	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 22nd Jan.
LIVERPOOL	DARDANUS	Brit str.	—	Steeves	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th Jan.
BREMEN, via PORTS OF CALL	FRINZ HEINRICH	Ger. str.	—	R. Heintze	MELCHERS & CO.	On 1st Jan., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, &c. via PORTS OF CALL	OCEANIEN	Iron str.	—	Schmitz	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 31st inst., at P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, v. S'PORE, &c.	SHINANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	G. E. P. Cook	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, v. S'PORE, &c.	KAMAKURA MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Petersen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th Jan., at Daylight.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	WITTENBERG	Ger. str.	—	Hempel	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 29th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	—	Schmidt	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 23rd Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SILERIA	Ger. str.	—	Müller	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 5th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SIBIRIA	Ger. str.	—	Braun	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 15th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	FREIBURG	Ger. str.	—	Proesch	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 25th Feb.
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HAVRE & HAMBURG	HUDSON	Brit str.	—	DODWELL & CO. LIMITED	Quick despatch.	
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HAVRE & HAMBURG	R. MORROW	Brit str.	—	R. Archibald, R.N.R.	ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.	Quick despatch.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit str.	—	J. Parton	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 16th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	VICTORIA	Brit str.	—	G. D. Bowles, R.N.R.	DODWELL & CO. LIMITED	To-morrow.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	TARTAR	Brit str.	—	J. McIntyre	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On or about 31st inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ADATO	Brit str.	—	T. M. Stevens & CO.	ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.	On or about 30th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SKARPNES	Nor. str.	—	T. M. Stevens & CO.	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On or about 10th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SHINANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	O. J. O. S. S. CO.	PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO.	On 12th Jan., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	CHINA	Amer. str.	—	N. Tato	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	DORIS	Brit str.	—	Holms	GIDE, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 30th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BERGENHUS	Brit str.	—	Nelson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd Jan., at 4 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ROSETTA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Proesch	SIEMSEN & CO.	On or about 31st inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	AUSTRALIAN	Brit str.	—	Büchleben	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 3rd inst., at 4 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	TAIWAN	Brit str.	—	Houernann	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.	On or about 5th Jan.
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HAVRE & HAMBURG	ANPING MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Suzuki	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	YUENSANG	Brit str.	—	Rolson	DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.	On 30th inst., at Daylight.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ROSETTA MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Hasegawa	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	On 4th Jan., at Daylight.
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HAVRE & HAMBURG	TAIWAN	Brit str.	—	Rafe	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MIKE MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Tato	SHEWAN, TONES & CO.	To-morrow, at 5 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MIKE MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. Ramsey	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 6th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MIKE MARU	Jap. str.	—	Nelson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th Jan., at Noon.

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Dec. 24, CHIULI, British str., 1,158. Newcomb, Wm 20th Dec. General. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Dec. 25, PAKING, British transport, 2,875. E. H. W. Watton, Manila 23rd December.

Dec. 25, DAYBREAK, British str., 700. Best, Canton 4th December. General—CHINESE.

Dec. 25, PROGRESS, German str., 687. P. Brandt, Toulon 22nd December. Rice and Coal—SIEMSEN & CO.

Dec. 25, THALER, British str., 820. Robson, Swatow 24th Dec. General—DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.

Dec. 25, GLENARTNEY, British steamer, 2,000. Warner, Amoy 24th December. General—McGREGOR BROS. & CO.

Dec. 25, HONGKONG, French str., 862. Pommier, Haiphong 23rd December. General—A. R. MARTY.

Dec. 25, HATING, French steamer, 570. Best, Haiphong 22nd Dec. and Hoitow 24th. General—A. R. MARTY.

Dec. 25, PODNIESKI, German str., 6,514. Gwangtung, Shanghai 22nd December.

Dec. 25, GLENFALLOCH, British str., 1,440. Bainbridge, Penang 4th Dec. and Singapore 17th. General—CHINESE.

Dec. 25, HERMES, Norwegian str., 810. J. C. Jensen, Hongay 22nd December. Coal—EAST ASIATIC TRADING & CO.

Dec. 25, TSURUGISAN MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,560. I. Narusaki, Kuchinotzu 20th Dec. Coal—MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

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Dec. 25, BENCUTHA, British steamer, 1,339. Frigat, Shanghai 23rd December. General—CHINESE.

Dec. 25, MANCHE, French steamer, 1,684. J. Depelo, Saigon 22nd December. Mail and General—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Dec. 25, ROSETTA MARU, Jap. str., 3,875. Tato, Yokohama 14th Dec. and Nagasaki 21st. General—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Dec. 25, SHINANO MARU, Jap. str., 3,960. Cook, Yokohama 15th Dec. and Moji 22nd. General—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Dec. 25, BERGENHUS, Norwegian str., 2,341. J. H. Svendsen, from Portland. Flour—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Dec. 26, HAICHING, British str., 1,267. T. P. Hall, Haiphong 22nd Dec. and Pakhoi 24th. General—DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.

Dec. 26, WHAMPOA, British str., 1,109. Laver, Shanghai 22nd Dec. General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

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Yokohama and Honolulu.

CITY OF PEKING (via Shantou, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu).

THURS., Feb. 14, 1901, at NOON.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1900.

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG TO PORTLAND (OR.) AND SAN FRANCISCO.

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THE Steamship

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Hongkong, 24th November, 1900.

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FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE (Calling at PORT DAWIN AND QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1900.

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FOR NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

With Liberty to Call at MANILA.

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"HUDSON"

will be despatched for the above port about the end of December, and will be followed by the Steamship

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For Freight, apply to

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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1900. [3045]

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1900. [3108]

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1900. [1]

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1900. [2858]

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1900. [3226]

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Adolph Obrig, Amr. ship, 1,262, Amesbury, Dec. 19. Standard Oil Co.

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Thales, British str., 1,216, Pattison, Dec. 23.

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M. B. KAISER, Capt. K. H. Johnston, Stewart, Singapore

Arithus, cruiser, 4,300 tons, 10 guns, 5,000

h.p., Captain J. Starlin, at Shanghai

Argonaut, battleship, 11,000 tons, 16 guns,

Capt. G. H. Cherry, R.N., at Amy

Astraea, cruiser, 4,300 tons, 10 guns, 9,000 h.p., Captain Alfred W. Paget, at Hongkong

Aurora, cruiser, 5,600 tons, 12 guns, 8,500 h.p., Captain E. H. Bayly, at Weihaiwei

Barfleur, battleship, 10,500 tons, 14 guns, 13,000

h.p., Captain G. J. S. Warrender, Hongkong

Bonaventure, cruiser, 4,300 tons, 18 guns, 9,000

h.p., Captain J. C. Sawle, at Nanking

Brisk, cruiser, 6 guns, 3,600 h.p., Captain Sir B. R. S. Wrey, Barbary at Singapore

Britomart, gunboat, 70 tons, 3 guns, 1,300 h.p., Lieutenant Comdr. Philip Walter, at Hongkong

Guische, French cruiser, 9,500 tons, Captain Poer, at Nagasaki

Hans, German cruiser, 1,600 tons, 30 guns, Captain F. H. G. A. Callaghan, at Hongkong

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Dido, cruiser, 2nd class, 11,000 tons, 21 guns, Captain P. F. Tillard, Hongkong

Endymion, cruiser, 7,350 tons, 12 guns, 10,000

h.p., Captain G. A. Callaghan, at Hongkong

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5,700 h.p., Lieutenant Comdr. Roger Keyes, at Hongkong

Firebrand, gunboat, 45 tons, 4 guns, 300 h.p., in reserve, at Hongkong

Goliath, battleship, 12,500 tons, 16 guns, 13,500

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Goliath, gunboat, 900 tons, 10 guns, Comdr. Kindering, at Taku

Hans, German gunboat, 1,000 tons, 10 guns, Lieutenant Comdr. Schaefer, at Hongkong

Irons, German cruiser, 4,200 tons, 8 guns,

2,300 h.p., Captain Stein, at Tsin-tau

Jaguar, German gunboat, 900 tons, 10 guns, Comdr. Kindering, at Taku

Kormoran, French gun-boat, 13 guns, 2,200

h.p., Captain de la Motte du Portail, at Saigon

Kronprinz Wilhelmina der Nederlanden, Dutch

cruiser, Captain J. P. von Rossau, at

Sawtooth

Korvetz, Russian cruiser, 9 guns, 2,150 h.p., Captain Silmann, at Taku

Kurfurst Friedrich Wilhelm, German flag-ship,

Rear-Admiral Geissler, 10,100 tons, 40 guns,

